THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) State-wise figures of suicide during recent years as per information received so far from the State Governments is given in the statement [Refer to the Statement-I appended to the Answer to Unstarred Question 1972 (a) and (b)]

(b) and (c) National Commission on farmers has submitted a Revised Draft National Policy for Farmers, with focus on farmers' economic well-being. Government has taken necessary actions to expedite examination of the Revised Draft National Policy for Farmers, Conference of State Ministers for Agriculture and Allied Sectors was held on 22nd December, 2006 to discuss and obtain their views on the Revised Draft National Policy for Farmers and other recommendations of NCF.

**Concessions to MNCs and Farmers**

1983. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantum of concession in terms of money land, water, electricity given to various multinational companies to attract investments in different States during the last financial year, State-wise; and

(b) the concessions given to the farmers and the total amount of money spent for them during the last financial year, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Suicides by farmers**

1984. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of farmers who committed suicides in the country from January to December, 2006, State-wise and month-wise;

(b) the States where even a single farmer did not commit suicide;

(c) the details of the total amount assured to be given to the families of the farmers during the period, State-wise;

(d) the total amount released, so far, and delivered to the affected families, State-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the immediate steps being taken to release the amount for the help of farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) State-wise figures of suicide during recent years as per the information received from the State Governments is given in the Statement [Refer to the Statement -I appended to Unstarred Question 1972 (a) and (b)]

(c) to (e) Taking into account the severity of the problem, the Government of India has sanctioned a rehabilitation package for 31 suicide prone districts in four states, involving a total amount of Rs. 16978.69 crore consisting of Rs. 10579.43 crore as subsidy/grants and Rs. 6399.26 crore as loan. The amount allocated and released to each of the four states is given in the Statement (*See* below). Details of the amount released to individual affected families are not maintained at central level. However, four state Governments have been requested to expedite the implementation of the package, so that the benefits reach the distressed farmers at the earliest.

***Statement***

*Allocation and Releases of the Rehabilitation Package*

*(Rs. in Crore)*

| State | Allocation under Rehab. Package | Releases up to 28th Feb 2007 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Central Govt. | State Govt. | NABARD/ Banks | Total |
| Maharashtra | 3873.26 | 248.20 | 616.38 | 665.57 | 1530.15 |
| Karnataka | 2689.64 | 74.39 | - | 286.69 | 361.08 |
| Kerala | 765.24 | 29.44 | - | 284.42 | 313.86 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 9650.55 | 473.49 | 970.60 | 1810.91 | 3255.00 |
| TOTAL: | 16978.69 | 825.52 | 1586.98 | 3047.59 | 5460.09 |